# REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF THE

# CALIFORNIA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006

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Honorable Steve Poizner Insurance Commissioner California Department of Insurance Sacramento, California

**Dear Commissioner:** 

Pursuant to your instructions, an examination was made of the

#### CALIFORNIA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

(hereinafter referred to as the Company) at its home office located at 650 San Benito Street, Suite 250, Hollister, California 95023.

### **SCOPE OF EXAMINATION**

The previous examination of the Company was made as of December 31, 2002. This examination covers the period from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2006. The present examination included a review of the Company's practices and procedures, an examination of management records, tests and analyses of detailed transactions, and an evaluation of assets and a determination of liabilities as of December 31, 2006, as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

In addition to those items specifically commented upon in this report, other phases of the Company's operations were reviewed including the following areas that require no further comment: corporate records; fidelity bonds and other insurance; officers', employees' and agents' welfare and pension plans; growth of company; business in force by states; loss experience; and sales and advertising.

#### **COMPANY HISTORY**

Effective August 9, 2006, the Company amended its Articles of Incorporation to reflect the change of its name to California Mutual Insurance Company from Mid-State Mutual Insurance Company.

#### MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

The Company is a mutual insurer owned by its policyholders who numbered approximately 2,919 as of December 31, 2006. Management of the Company is vested in a seven-member board of directors. As of December 31, 2006, the directors and principal officers were as follows:

#### Directors

Name and Residence Principal Business Affiliation

Kenneth C. Bettencourt President

Gilroy, California Ridgemark Corporation

Elwood W. Dryden Owner

Hollister, California Dryden Farms

George E. Lim Western Region Director

Corte Madera, California Newport Financial Group

Steven I. Miller President

Hollister, California California Mutual Insurance Company

Sandy L. Rose Retired

Hollister, California

James E. Rollins Retired

Hollister, California

Edward T. Stephenson Retired

Hollister, California

Principal Officers

Steven I. Miller

Cheri L. Schmidt Dorothy N. Burmester President

Senior Vice President and Treasurer

Vice President and Secretary\*

\* Ms. Burmester retired as of October, 2007 and Mr. Stephenson replaced her as Secretary on

February 8, 2008.

TERRITORY AND PLAN OF OPERATION

As of December 31, 2006, the Company was licensed to write fire, surety, plate glass, liability,

burglary and miscellaneous classes of business in the State of California only. In 2006,

approximately 65% of its \$5.1 million in direct premiums was commercial multiple peril business

written on motels, strip malls and other small businesses. The remaining was written in the

homeowners multiple peril line of business. All business is written through 38 agents and Company

staff.

**REINSURANCE** 

Assumed

The Company assumes 2% of a reciprocal catastrophe pool from the Mutual Reinsurance Bureau.

Ceded

Following is a schedule of the ceded reinsurance agreements in-force as of the examination date:

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Type of Contract and Lines of Business	Reinsurer(s)*	Company's Retention	Reinsurers' Limits
Multi-Line Excess of Loss Property and Casualty	Munich Reinsurance America, Inc. – 60% Odyssey America Reinsurance Corporation - 25% Hannover Ruckversicherung AG – 15%	\$250,000 per occurrence	1 <sup>st</sup> Layer: \$750,000 excess of \$250,000 per occurrence
	Munich Reinsurance America, Inc. – 60% Odyssey America Reinsurance Corporation - 25% Hannover Ruckversicherung AG – 15%	\$1 million per occurrence	2nd Layer: \$1.2 million excess of \$1 million per occurrence
	Munich Reinsurance America, Inc.	\$2 million per occurrence	Clash: \$1 million excess of \$2 million per occurrence
Property Excess of Loss	Munich Reinsurance America, Inc.	\$2 million per occurrence	\$4 million excess of \$2 million per occurrence
Catastrophe Excess of Loss	Swiss Reinsurance America Corporation – 50% Various Lloyds Syndicates – 47.5%	\$600,000 per occurrence plus up to 2.5% of \$1.4 million	1 <sup>st</sup> Layer: \$1.4 million excess of \$600,000 per occurrence
		\$2 million per occurrence plus up to 2.5% of \$3 million	2nd Layer: \$3 million excess of \$2 million per occurrence
	Mutual Reinsurance Bureau	\$5 million per occurrence	3rd Layer: \$1 million excess of \$5 million per occurrence
Excess of Loss - Property Facultative	Munich Reinsurance America, Inc.	\$6 million per risk	Up to \$4 million excess of \$6 million per risk.  Limit is determined by amount purchased which is based on policy coverage.

<sup>\*</sup> All reinsurers are authorized

#### ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

#### <u>Information Systems Controls</u>

A limited review was conducted of the Company's general controls over its electronic information system. Based on the review, weaknesses were noted in the area of business continuity/disaster recovery planning and logical access security/information security. The control weaknesses that were noted were provided to the Company. It is recommended that the Company review the comments and recommendations and institute steps to strengthen its information systems controls.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements prepared for this examination report include:

Statement of Financial Condition as of December 31, 2006

Underwriting and Investment Exhibit for the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Reconciliation of Surplus as Regards Policyholders from December 31, 2002 through December 31, 2006

### Statement of Financial Condition as of December 31, 2006

Assets	Ledger and Nonledger Assets	Assets Not Admitted	Net Admitted Assets	Notes
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Bonds	\$ 7,305,559	\$	\$ 7,305,559	
Common stocks	5,331,326		5,331,326	
Cash and short-term investments	1,366,693		1,366,693	
Investment income due and accrued	103,179		103,179	
Uncollected premiums and agents' balances				
in the course of collection	718,922	855	718,067	(1)
Reinsurance other amounts receivable under reinsurance				
contracts	146,431		146,431	
Guaranty funds receivable or on deposit	32,307		32,307	
Electronic data processing equipment and software	414,066	414,066		
Furniture and equipment	3,069	3,069		
Aggregate write-ins for other than invested assets	105,619	5,000	100,619	
Total assets	\$15,527,171	<u>\$ 422,990</u>	<u>\$15,104,181</u>	
<u>Liabilities</u> , <u>Surplus and Other Funds</u>				
Losses			\$2,450,836	(2)
Loss adjustment expenses			414,942	(2)
Commissions payable			3,249	. ,
Other expenses			288,698	
Taxes, licenses and fees			(14,291)	
Current federal and foreign income taxes			(66,130)	
Net deferred tax liability			520,509	
Unearned premiums			2,530,875	
Advance premium			0	(3)
Ceded reinsurance premiums payable			129,884	` '
Aggregate write-ins for liabilities			0	(4)
Total liabilities			6,258,572	
Unassigned funds (surplus)		\$8,845,609		
Surplus as regards policyholders			8,845,609	
Total liabilities, surplus and other funds			\$15,104,181	

# <u>Underwriting and Investment Exhibit</u> for the Year Ended December 31, 2006

### Statement of Income

<u>Underwriting Income</u>		
Premiums earned		\$4,178,988
Deductions: Losses incurred Loss expenses incurred Other underwriting expenses incurred	\$1,247,149 520,417 1,946,979	
Total underwriting deductions		3,714,545
Net underwriting gain		464,443
<u>Investment Income</u>		
Net investment income earned Net realized capital gains	\$ 385,964 424,953	
Net investment gain		810,917
Other Income		
Net loss from agents' or premium balances charged off Finance and service charges not included in premiums	\$ (1,873) <u>9,916</u>	
Total other income		8,043
Net income before federal and foreign income taxes Federal and foreign income taxes incurred		1,283,403 277,711
Net income		<u>\$1,005,692</u>
Capital and Surplus Account		
Surplus as regards policyholders, December 31, 2005		\$8,030,629
Net income Change in net unrealized capital gains Change in net deferred income tax Change in nonadmitted assets	\$ 1,005,692 208,244 (65,672) (333,284)	
Change in surplus as regards policyholders for the year		814,980
Surplus as regards policyholders, December 31, 2006		<u>\$8,845,609</u>

# Reconciliation of Surplus as Regards Policyholders from December 31, 2002 through December 31, 2006

Surplus as regards policyholders, December 31, 2002, per Examination

\$5,113,735

	Gain in <u>Surplus</u>	Loss in Surplus	
Net income Net unrealized capital gains Change in net deferred tax Change in nonadmitted assets	\$3,861,848 702,148	\$ 586,135 _245,987	
Total gains and losses	<u>\$4,563,996</u>	<u>\$ 832,122</u>	
Increase in surplus as regards policyholders			3,731,874
Surplus as regards policyholders, December 31, 2006, per Examination			\$8,845,609

#### COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT ITEMS

#### (1) <u>Uncollected Premiums and Agents' Balances in the Course of Collection</u>

The Company included in the above account premium installments booked but deferred and not yet due, which is not in accordance with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' Annual Statement Instructions. It is recommended that the Company report the deferred installments under Deferred Premiums and Agents' Balances and Installments Booked but Deferred and Not Yet Due – line 13.2 of the Annual Statement.

The Company indicated that due to the limitation of its old premium application system, it could not separate deferred installments into a separate component. The Company, however, did indicate that with the implementation of a new premium application system, it can properly report deferred installments in the future.

#### (2) Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses

A Casualty Actuary from the California Department of Insurance reviewed the Company's loss reserves as of December 31, 2006. Based on that review, the Company's December 31, 2006 reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses were determined to be reasonably stated and have been accepted for purposes of this examination.

#### (3) Advance Premium

The Company is not in compliance with Statements of Statutory Accounting Principles (SSAP) 53, paragraph 13, because it did not report Advance Premium. It is recommended that the Company comply with SSAP 53, paragraph 13. No adjustment was made to the Company's balance sheet as the amount of advance premium, totaling \$14,387, was not considered material.

(4) Aggregate Write-ins for Liabilities

The Company is not in compliance with California Insurance Code (CIC) Section 11558 because it

did not establish the minimum reserve requirements as prescribed by this code section. It is

recommended that the Company comply with CIC Section 11558. No adjustment was made to the

Company's balance sheet as the amount of \$18,400 was not considered material.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>Current Report of Examination</u>

Accounts and Records - Information Systems Controls (Page 5): It is recommended that the

Company institute steps to strengthen its information systems controls.

Comments on Financial Statement Items - Uncollected Premiums and Agents' Balances in the

Course of Collection – (Page 9): It is recommended that the Company report its deferred installment

under Deferred Premiums and Agents' Balances and Installments Booked but Deferred and Not Yet

Due, line 13.2 of the Annual Statement.

Comments on Financial Statement Items - Advance Premium (Page 9): It is recommended that the

Company comply with Statements of Statutory Accounting Principles 53, paragraph 13.

Comments on Financial Statement Items -Aggregate Write-ins for Liabilities (Page 10): It is

recommended that the Company comply with California Insurance Code Section 11558.

Previous Report of Examination

None

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### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Acknowledgment is made of the cooperation and assistance extended by the Company's officers and employees during the course of this examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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